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France — Juan Fernandez.

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Notes

French Gypsy Association (L'Assoc. des Gitanes et Tsiganes de France) was founded in 1962 by Juan Fernandez (note: he has roots in Spain and N. Africa and wanted to organize an assoc. in Spain but could not because of Franco regime) It aims

- 1) to win respect for the traditions and culture of the Gypsy community.
- 2) to enlighten public opinion regarding the human and social problems, and living conditions, of the Gypsy population.
- 3) to press for governmental action on these problems.

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## Italy

A central office has been opened in Rome, under the Ministry of Public Security (Sûreté Publique) to bring together everything that concerns Gypsies:

1) Court cases

2) To gather all information and make special studies.

? The aim of the studies will be to limit the right to stay in the country (Italy) to those Gypsies "demeurer sur le territoire national" — the others to be expelled.

The centre is also to formulate policy regarding education and social aid.